GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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WORKSHED CUM HOUSING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dwelling units sanctioned under Workshed cum Housing Scheme during each of the last three years and current year, till date, State and Union Territory - wise;

(b) whether all sanctioned dwelling units have been constructed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor,State and Union Territory- wise;

(d) whether any review of the progress in construction of dwelling units was made;

(e) if so, the findings thereof indicating the steps taken to avoid delay in construction work, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(f) the funds allocated, released and spent on the construction of such units during each of the last three years and thereafter till date, State and Union Territory − wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Under Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, 17971 number of units were sanctioned during 2005-06. Thereafter, no new units were sanctioned during 2006-07 and 2007-08 since it was the terminal year of the 10th plan and this scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. 2007-08. The State-wise number of units sanctioned and constructed is given at Annexure-I.

(b) The utilisation certificates for construction of 14217 number of units have been received so far from the State Governments.

(c) The Central funds are released to the State Governments for further release to the implementing agencies which may cause delay sometimes. Therefore, there is consequent delay in submission of utilisation certificate by the State Governments. The State Governments are however, requested from time to time to submit the utilisation certificate and the progress report in time so that the subsequent installment can be released.

(d) Yes, Sir. During the year 2006-07, a review of the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme was undertaken including the progress of construction of units through NISIET, Hyderabad.

(e) As per the findings of NISIET, Hyderabad the reasons for delay in construction process were as follows:-

(i) Weavers faced impediments/bottlenecks in securing bank loans/in getting installments due, probably because of late submission of UCs to complete the construction as per schedule.

(ii) In several cases, rains hampered pace of construction work, notably in NER.

(iii) Difficulties were faced in securing required material for construction from different and distant sources.

(iv) Sometimes, installment amounts were not released by the States concerned, in time leading to delay in construction.

The Central government has been constantly asking the State Governments to submit the UCs and the progress report in time so that subsequent releases can be made.

(f) Under the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, funds are not allocated State/UTs wise. Funds were released on the basis of viable proposals submitted by the State Governments as per Annexure-II.